(d) The State Government of Uttaranchal has been requested to expedite the finalisation of building plans/architectural drawings etc., so that the building works are completed at the earliest.

Funds allocated for development of tourism in NE and Hill Districts of U.P. and W.B.

2751. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the Central assistance given to each of the North Eastern States, and for the hill districts of Uttar Pradesh arid West Bengal under the Centrally Assisted Schemes for the development of tourism during the years, 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and so far during 2002-2003; year-wise; and

(b) the extent to which the assistance was utilized and the actual developmental work done in each state during the period?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The Department of Tourism, Government of India provides financial assistance every year to the State Governments/UT Administrations for development of infrastructural facilities in the country. The details of financial assistance sanctioned during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 to the North Eastern States and the States of Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal including hill districts are annexed.

(b) The number of projects completed is given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Funds allocated for development of Tourism in the NE and Hill Districts of UP. and W.B. Central Financial Assistance Sanctiond to North-Eastem Region, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal including Hill Districts during 20041, 2001-02 and 2002-03.

(Rs. in lakhs)

State	200001			2001-02			200203	
	No. of Project Sanod	Amount Sanod	No. of Project Completed (upto 31-12-02)	No. of Project Sancd	Amount Sanod	No. of Project completed (upto 31-12-02)	No. of Project Sanod	Amount Sanod
North Eastern Region Ind. sikkim	106	2446.03	26	47	1145.29	13	49	1949.05
Uttar Pradesh	18	423.74	3	5	55.74	3	3	295.00
West Bengal	23	432.99	7	17	229.95	6	5	201.10

Foreign exchange earned by Department of Tourism

†2752. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign/domestic tourists who visited different States in the country during the last five years alongwith State-wiso/ year-wise details thereof; and

(b) the quantum of foreign exchange earned by the Department of Tourism during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) A Statement indicating the number of visits of foreign and domestic tourists to different States/Union Territories during the last five years is given in the enclosed Statement *(See* below).

(b) The foreign exchange earned by the country through tourism during the years 1998 to 2002 are Rs. 12150 crores, Rs. 12951 crores, Rs. 14238 crores, Rs. 14344 crores and Rs. 14420 crores respectively.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.